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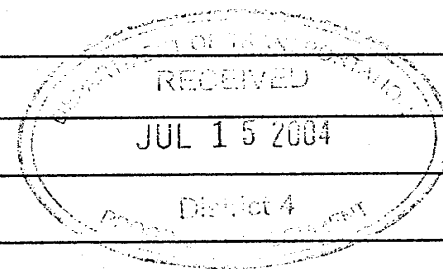
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We feel that this entire project would be a colossal waste of taxpayer money. The value/need has not been demonstrated. Routing this road as indicated would be an inconvenience to many property owners and be a waste of excellent farm land.

We feel that this road would ~~not~~ be superfluous — rt. 29 is adequate as is or with improvements.



Name: Chuck & Laurel Chappell

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 3625 Westbrook Rd.

Chellicothe, IL 61523

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I think we should still go up RT29 or Build the Bridge off RT 6 across river. Chillicothe has 19,000 cars a day go thru town why would we want to cut the traffic in half or less? Small town need outside income to help keep pace with the economy. Raising taxes is the other way and I'm not sure anyone would support that. With the short supply of free money why do we want to spend over \$500m for something we really don't need. Lets do what Mr. Lehood said he was going to do with RT29 and get in with it. A study doesn't seem like we are spending money the right way.

Name: Troy A. Childers Sr  
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Address: 810 N. 2nd St  
Chillicothe IL 309 274 9705

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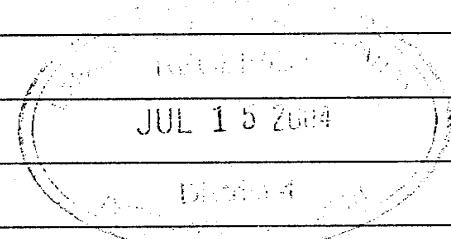
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I FAVOR EXTENDING ILL. RT 6 PAST CHILLICOTHE AND THEN, W/ AN INTERCHANGE, BACK INTO RT 29. USE THE SOB ALIGNMENT W/O THE MCGRAW INTERCHANGE. AN INTERCHANGE AT ROME WEST ROAD WOULD GIVE AN ADVANTAGE ACCESS TO CHILLICOTHE. WE ALSO NEED THE BNSF VIADUCT NORTH OF CHILLICOTHE WIDENED TO ONLY 4 LANES.

DON'T BUILD RT 6 ANY FARTHER NORTH THAN JUNE LAKE NORTH OF CHILLICOTHE. GIVE US A BRIDGE AT MORGANVILLE AND BUILD THE RING ROAD INSTEAD. IN THE LONG RUN THIS WOULD GIVE US BETTER ACCESS TO A REGIONAL HIGHWAY TO CHICAGO.

TO COMPLETE THE PICTURE LET'S BUILD RT 336 TO MCGRAW AND QUINCY. THE SOUTHERN END OF THIS IS PARTLY DONE AND ACCESS TO RT 474 IS ALREADY BUILT OUT BY THE PEE COUNTY LAKE.



Name: JAMES E CHRISTOPHER

Affiliation: RESIDENT - PEE COUNTY BOARD

Address: 618 W SINGING WOOD RD

EDWARDS ILL 61526

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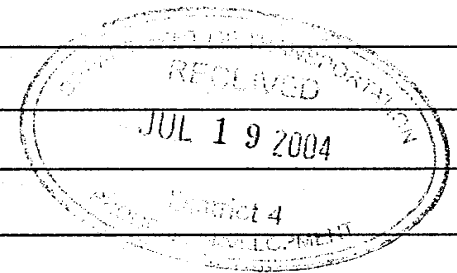
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- 1) The expense of this route would be better applied to completing the ring road north section across the river.
- 2) Agreement with "R29 improvement" by local towns was based on road going through them. This road 'by-passes' Chillicothe, Henry and for Rt 17 Sparland. Now how do communities feel?
- 3) This will still not be a favored route Peoria - Chicago. I and many I know will still take Rt 17 to I39 to avoid I80 as much as possible - it is too busy.
- 4) The change of routing through Cat crossroads to the west was done, I believe outside of "public meetings". Caterpillar are planning highway across 3 of their expansion options instead of 1 by the old route. Convenience of Cat employees would be maximized by intersection as originally shown.
- 5) There are now about 12 residences

off Ivy Lake Road on the bluff and this road will add more value to them than it would have by the earlier route. Was there any taxpayer input to that change? I do not see how the original route would "cut off" the two plants rather with good design it might help with a dangerous (2 deaths in recent times) crossroads.



Name: John M. Clarke  
Affiliation: Retiree  
Address: 15615 N. Ivy Lake Road  
Chillicothe, Illinois, 61523

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I LIVE ON BOEHLE LN., NORTH OF CHILlicothe, IL.  
I RUN A BOARDING & TRAINING STABLE w/ 21 STALLS.  
THE 3C & 3CA OPTIONS ARE PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE  
FROM MY VIEW POINT. OPTION #1 ON THIS SECTION PUTS  
THE INTERCHANGE/ACCESS TO THE NEW ROAD RIGHT AT  
MY (VERY STEEP) DRIVEWAY. ADDITIONALLY, THIS INTERCHANGE  
WILL SIT DIRECTLY ON TOP OF MY WELL, USED TO WATER MY  
LIVESTOCK OPERATION. I HAD TO BUY THIS LAND SEPARATELY  
FOR A WELL BECAUSE THE REST OF MY LAND IS ON TOP  
OF THE HILL. THIS LAND IS A SHALE PILE, & I HAVE 10  
UNSUCCESSFUL WELLS (THE SHALE CRUMBLES & FILLS  
IN THE BEFORE CASINGS CAN BE INSTALLED.  
PUTTING A NEW WELL IN WILL BE A VERY EXPENSIVE  
UNDERTAKING. OPTION 2 ONLY MOVES THE ACCESS  
4120 YDS. & STILL LEAVES AN AWFUL LOT OF ROAD  
SALT FROM ACCESS & INTERCHANGE ROADS TO RUN DOWN  
INTO MY WELL. OPTION #3, WHILE NOT IDEAL  
IS PROBABLY WORKABLE.  
OF COURSE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, EITHER OF  
THE C2 OPTIONS ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO  
ANY OF THE C3 OPTIONS.

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MY PREFERENCES

- 1) SOMEONE AT IDOT SHOULD GROW THE  
NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS TO TELL MR. LAHOOD  
"NO - YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR ROAD."
- 2) C2 - OPTION "WEST"
- 3) C2 - OPTION "EAST"
- 4) C3 - C3A - INTERCHANGE OPTION 3
- 5) C3 - C3A - INTERCHANGE OPTION 2 - UNACCEPTABLE
- 6) C3 - C3A - INTERCHANGE OPTION 1 - TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE

I AM AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY  
QUESTIONS OR TO EXPLAIN THESE  
COMMENTS IN MORE DETAIL -

Don Clemens

(309) 274-6870

Name: DONALD E. CLEMENS JR.

Affiliation:

Address: 22005 N. BOEHLE LN.

CHILlicothe, IL. 61523

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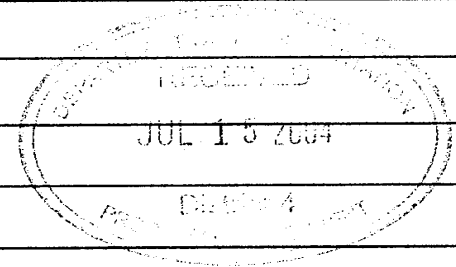
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*Southern Section -*

*My preference would be  
S-6B Rome West Rd interchange.*



Name:

*Kathleen L. Close*

Affiliation:

*Landowner - Hayre Road*

Address:

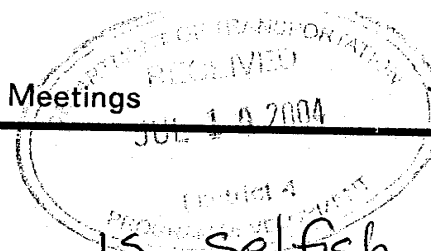
*1215 N. Fourth - Chillicothe  
14321 Hayre Road*

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We believe the proposed alternatives for "improvements" of the roadways from Rt. 6 to Interstate 180 are UNNECESSARY. We believe it would be a HUGE waste of taxpayer's money. \$500+ MILLION to save someone 10 MINUTES off their trip from Peoria to Chicago? The State of Illinois can't find a better use for \$500+ MILLION?

Further, we are EXTREMELY concerned about the impact these proposed roadways would have on the environment.

Destroying wetlands and migratory bird's habitats in the name of "progress"

is selfish and short-sighted.

In addition, bypassing the business district of Chillicothe will cause a loss of revenue - and taxes. As property owners, we will no doubt have to make up this difference in property taxes.

Please consider scrapping these plans for "improvement." They are UNNECESSARY and UNWANTED!

Name: Mr. + Mrs. Michael S. Contratto

Affiliation: (Homeowners)

Address: 1138 Cedar Court  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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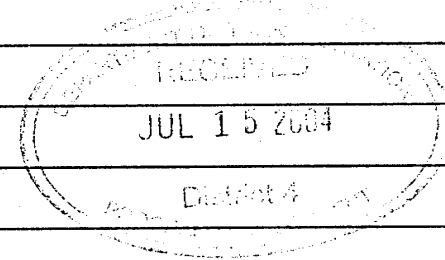
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① I THINK THE S-6B WEST ROME ROAD INTERCHANGE IS MOST PRACTICAL AND BENEFITS THE AREA THE MOST. ALSO, THERE ARE FEWER DISPLACEMENTS.

② I ALSO THINK THIS ROUTE TO I-80 IS BETTER THAN THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED "RING ROAD" WITH SEPARATE ROUTE NORTH TO CHICAGO!



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1) This Rt 29 upgrade is definitely better than taking traffic to I-39 as adequate roads are in place on the East side of the Ill. River and this connection to I-80 serves the Peoria Area in a better manner,

2) Using the Rome West Rd. for an interchange looks preferable to using Mc. Guff Rd.

3) Avoid the Interchange 2 option at Sparkland as it causes too many displacements

Name: Janice David

Affiliation:

Address: 24766 Spring Creek Rd  
Washington

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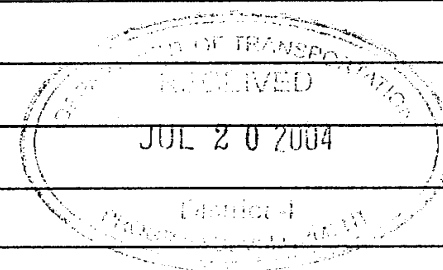
VILLAGE OF SPARLAND

THE PEOPLE.

RECENTLY, AS A RESULT OF A FLOOD-PLAIN BUY-OUT PROGRAM, 15 SEWER/WATER CUSTOMERS WERE LOST AND THE TAX PROPERTIES CONVERTED TO LIABILITIES. A 4-LANE HIGHWAY VIA ROUTE 29 WILL ELIMINATE ANOTHER 20 PROPERTIES. ALTHOUGH THESE NUMBERS MAY BE SMALL, ON A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PROPERTIES AND USERS THEY ARE QUITE SIGNIFICANT AND WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE REMAINING USERS FINANCIALLY.

I FEEL YOUR IN-PUT FROM THE VILLAGE OF SPARLAND IS REALLY NOTHING MORE THAN THE PERSONAL OPINION OF THE MAYOR AND MAY NOT REFLECT THAT OF THE BOARD OR

I DO BELIEVE A LOCAL SPARLAND PRESENTATION LIKE HENRY AND CHILLICOTHE SHOULD BE SCHEDULED.



Name: LLOYD S. DAVIS, SR.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
100 South Main Street  
East Peoria, Illinois 61611  
Phone: (309) 698-4715



Charles F. Dobbelaire  
Mayor

July 22, 2004

Mr. Eric Therkildsen, PE  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
401 Main Street  
Peoria, IL 61602-1111

**RE: Illinois Route 29 Design Study**

Dear Mr. Therkildsen:

The City of East Peoria has long been a supporter of a direct Peoria to Chicago highway built to Interstate standards. The benefits to the entire region of such a road improvement have been well documented.

Unfortunately, the proposed Illinois Route 29 improvement will not be the Peoria to Chicago highway that is needed. The improvements will at best provide only limited benefits to the northern growth sections of Peoria and to communities north of Peoria. If transportation dollars were not so precious, we would be supportive.

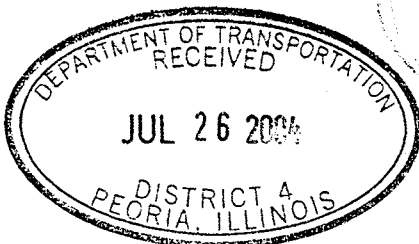
Instead of spending limited funds on the Illinois Route 29 proposal, we need to prioritize our transportation resources and use them to build a true Peoria to Chicago interstate connection, utilizing whatever corridor that professional engineers recommend. We suggest reviving the engineering study that was quashed before the analysis was completed and a recommendation made public.

Sincerely,

*Charles F. Dobbelaire*

Charles F. Dobbelaire  
Mayor

CFD/td



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ADMIN.	
IMPLEMENTATION	
LOC. RES.	
OPERATIONS	
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	✓
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PREPARE REPLY FOR D.E. SMITH	
INVESTIGATE & REPORT	
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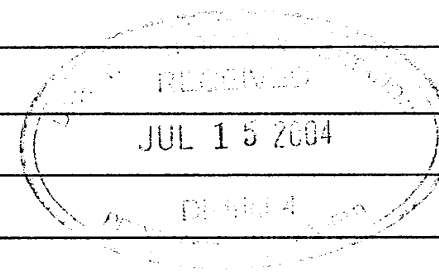
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Good job of compromise. Let's go, even if we only get from the end now to Cedar Hills ASAP for us CAT Mossville employees.



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John Doering

Affiliation:

Address:

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Dundee

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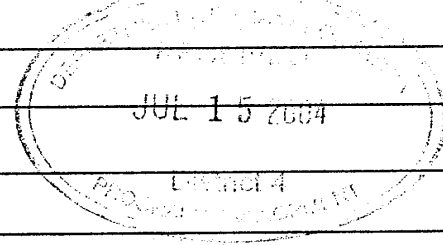
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I feel we have all the road now that we can maintain. No need for this new road.

Where is the Federal Govn. going to get the money for this project as they are cutting back on road financing.

Also, the state of Ill. can't balance the budget now so where are they going to get the money.

Also Ray LaHood said they endorsed the Route 29 Corridor & this is a long ways from Rd 29. I guess he won't get my vote any more.



Name:

Albert J. Duckworth

Affiliation:

Address:

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Chillicothe, Ill

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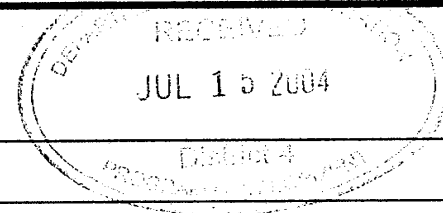
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1- 55 mph is fast enough.

2- There is no immediate need for a highway of this magnitude. Re: I-180 → it did not bring development

3- There is no foreseeable need for more than the existing four-lane Rt. 29

Summary: We have far more important matters to attend to.

Name:

Tom Edwards

Affiliation:

"River Rescue" & conservation groups

Address:

2702 N. Peoria Ave  
Peoria, IL 61603

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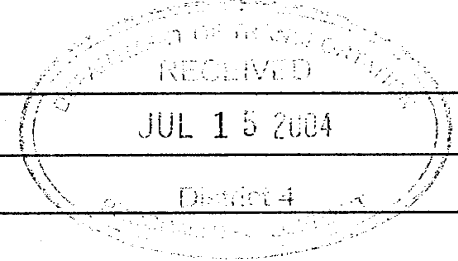
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My interest is in SOUTH SECTION  
IL RTG TO BENEDICT RD. I LIVE ON  
WAYNE RD. YOUR PROPOSAL ON  
S-6B SEEMS TO BE MORE LOGICAL  
AND TO EVERYONES BEST INTEREST.

LESS RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED LESS  
FARM LAND TAKEN AND LESS  
RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENTS.  
EVEN THOUGH COST IS SAME AS  
S-6C THE OVERALL LOOK OF  
S-6B SAVES ON ALL THE OTHER  
THINGS

Thank you



Name:

Ron Eller

Affiliation:

Address: 14428 N WAYNE RD  
CHILLICOTHE IL. 61523

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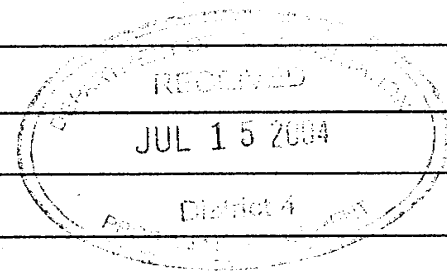
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I live in the south section. On Wayne Rd. After studying your analysis I would prefer S-6B. S-6B uses less farm land, less land needed for right-of-way. And it is further from all the homes on Wayne Rd. If you have to do this S-6B would probably upset fewer people. I don't know of anybody who wants this road. I thought the State of Illinois was broke. They can hardly repair the roads we have. It just doesn't make any sense to ~~not~~ build a road that's going to cost millions of dollars. You are taking people homes and are farmland. We need farmland a whole lot more than we need a road.

If you have to do this go with S-6B Thank you



Name:

Sally Eller

Affiliation:

Address:

14428 N Wayne Rd  
Chellecoche, IL 61523

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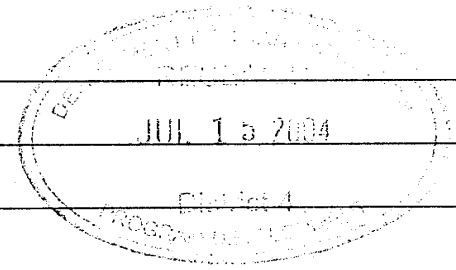


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I am here mostly concerning S6-B + S6-C portions. Not crazy about either, but if I had to choose one, it would be S6-C due to less houses in the area from what I can tell from the maps.

Please keep us in the loop, as we did receive a notice in the mail.

Thank you —



Name:

Kim Engquist

Affiliation:

Address:

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Chillicothe, IL 61523

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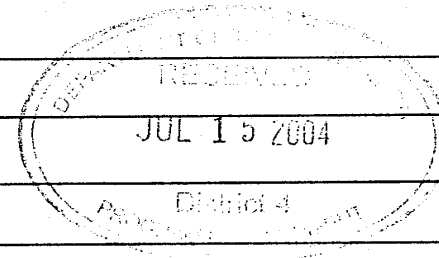


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Have we considered  
connecting Rt 6 at  
Mosewill across the  
river and go to I 39-

Thank you

Donald Ernst



Name: Don Ernst  
Affiliation: Land owner  
Address: 2319 E Truett Rd  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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I DON'T AGREE THAT RTE 29 EXPANSION IS NECESSARY - ~~I~~ WOULD RATHER SEE COMPLETION OF RING ROAD AROUND PEORIA W/ BRIDGE ACROSS ILLINOIS RIVER @ MOSSVILLE.

HOWEVER IF EXPANSION ~~AND~~ MOVES FORWARD, WOULD HAVE PREFERENCE FOR FOLLOWING CORRIDORS:

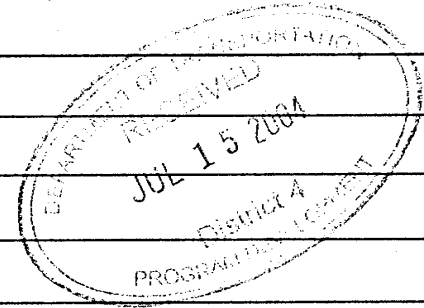
S-6B

S-5

~~C-3A~~ C-3A

H-4

N-4



Name: DAN EVANS

Affiliation:

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EDELSTEIN, IL 6015260

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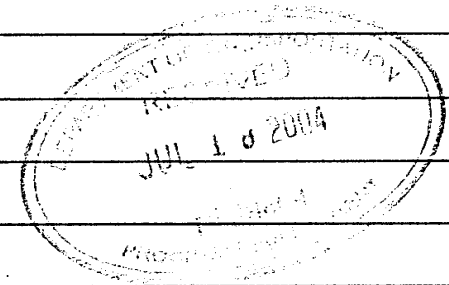
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S-6-B, S-4, C-2

H-4, N-2



Name: BRENDA FARRIS

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1) HAS THE TRAFFIC LOAD ON RT 29 INCREASED TO WARRANT SUCH EXPENDITURES?

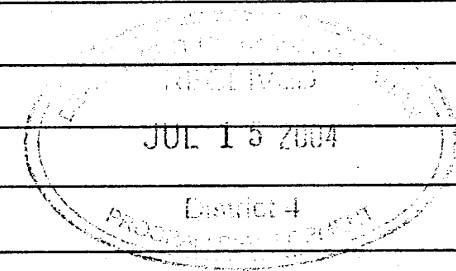
2) WHAT IS THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS - LAHOOD TROPHY? - IDOT BUDGET? EXPENDITURES TO BOLSTER THE ENGINEERING FIRM? CATERPILLAR DRIVEWAY?

I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IT WAS A HALF A BILLION DOLLARS ++ TO TAKE YOU FROM NOWHERE TO NOWHERE TO GIVE YOU 10 MINUTES OF TRAVEL TIME

PEORIA WILL NOT GROW BECAUSE ANOTHER ROAD IS BUILT. I WILL ONLY GROW WHEN THE CULTURE OF PEORIA IS RAISED TO ~~THE~~ QUALITY OF LIFE NOT QUANTITY OF CARS THAT CAN PASS THRU.

I BELIEVE THE BRIDGE TO CONNECT TO ROUTE 24 WILL BE THE BETTER CHOICE. AN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO 29 - I80

I KNOW ~~OUR~~ OUR OPINION ARE REQUESTED AND PROBABLY WILL BE IGNORED BUT THE WHOLE ROAD CONCEPT IS A BORDOM FOR THE CONTRACTORS, IDOT AND THE GOVERNMENT PEP.



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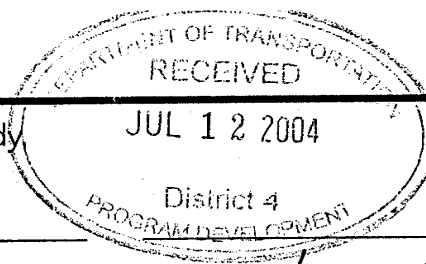
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I WISH THE WHOLE  
ROAD TO CHIC. WOULD GO  
AWAY.

IF PEOPLE LIKE CHIC. SO  
MUCH THEY SHOULD MOVE  
THERE.

I CHOOSE TO LIVE HERE  
IN A COUNTRY LIVING  
QUIET ATMOSPHERE.

PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY  
RT. 29 AS IT IS FROM  
CHILLI TO I-80.

YOU PEOPLE IN CHARGE  
DO NOT LIVE HERE-BUT  
YET-MAKE DECISIONS  
THAT EFFECT OUR HABITAT  
& PEACEFUL VALLEY.

I AM SICKENED BY  
CONSTANT CARBON & INDUSTRIAL  
SPRAWL.

NATURE SEEMS TO GET  
OFF ON TEARING UP  
NATURE & TRANQUILITY.

PLEASE GO AWAY &  
LEAVE US IN PEACE.  
(DO NOT MAKE OUR <sup>NEXT</sup> 10 YRS MISERY.

I AM ALSO TIRED OF  
CORRUPTION-WHICH IS-  
I'M SURE-BEHIND THIS  
WHOLE SCENE.

Name: JAMES & LINDA FEUERER  
Affiliation: James Feuerer Luckdown  
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I do not have enough money  
have to express my feelings about  
your proposed construction of  
this Highway. This is another  
prime example of waste money  
that the TAX payer would  
have to spend. You concern  
for business in the Chillicothe  
Name, Mossville area is disgusting.

Way Lohr does not need  
a project to hang his hat on.

This Road will only fill  
this area but only let Big  
Money people get bigger.

This state can not even  
take care of the roads  
they have, let alone build

the money they receive. I  
can tell you all I will  
be at every meeting or  
so called gathering you have  
to protest this stupidity  
by people who care less  
about these people who  
elected them.

Let's Waste More  
Money on Your Political  
Programs & Desires of  
Big Money

Name:

Bill Fleming

Affiliation:

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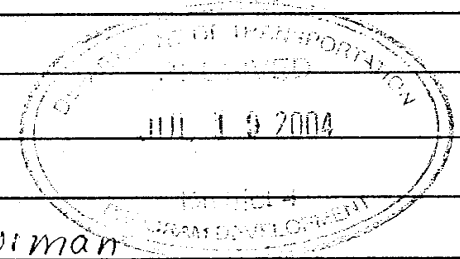
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- I would like to know how we can justify this expenditure when the state has to cut monies for schools and health care ~~because~~ because of insufficient funds.
- If we must have this road, and I assume that is already a done deal whether the majority want it or not, why did we not opt for the shorter, less expensive option of Rte 24? Who is benefitting by this extra expense? Not we the taxpayers, I am sure.
- The city of Chillicothe will go down the tube, so to speak. Do any of you care?
- Eminent domain - "I have it you want it. You take it!!!!"
- Does this road, which regardless of the route chosen, will go hither & yon over the countryside, really make that much of a time difference for travelers to Chicago?
- If you put this to popular vote, I think it would be defeated. This is a multi-million dollar project to benefit a few. Please reconsider.



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Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lacon IL 61540

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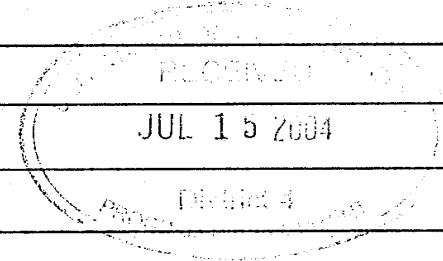
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THIS STUDY. I WILL LOSE 500 ACRES  
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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ROUTE 6  
GO EAST + BUILD A BRIDGE TO  
RT 24 + TO RT 39. I BELIEVE THIS  
WILL HAPPEN ANYWAY IN THE  
FUTURE. I AM 43 YEARS OLD  
+ I WILL LOSE A HUGE SHARE  
OF MY LIVELYHOOD.

IF A ROAD NEEDS TO  
GO ON THE WEST SIDE OF  
THE RIVER LETS DO WHAT  
THEY DECIDED ON LAST TIME  
TO WIDEN RT 29 ALL THE  
WAY TO I80.

I WILL LIVE 1/2 MILE WEST  
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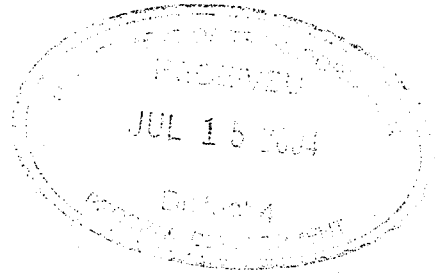
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## Comments regarding the... **Illinois Route 29 Study**



### **Need & Cost**

This project as it has been defined is simply not needed. It cannot be justified in terms of traffic needs. It is a tremendous overkill in terms of the needed safety improvements that should be considered. The argument that it is an economic development opportunity is flawed. If an equivalent amount were more directly invested in our communities the economic impacts would help much more. It will simply redirect development to a new, unplanned corridor, hurting many existing small town businesses, helping a few big developers.

### **Bald Eagle Nesting & Winter roosting**

As an active Peoria Audubon member, and having participated in citizen science projects including the mid-winter Bald Eagle count, I know that all of the proposed routes will have a negative impact on our national symbol, the Bald Eagle. I know for a fact that the routes come dangerously close to at least 2 eagle nesting locations. Eagles have made a wonderful recovery in the US over the past 25 years, but in Illinois it is still rare for Eagles to nest, especially with the very limited habitat available. Further endangering this summer nesting and winter roosting habitat would be shameful.

### **Miller-Andersen Woods**

With the limited traffic flow in this area, and the very sensitive nature of this, and all wetlands, absolutely no road expansion (expansion of the footprint) should even be considered in this area. With that being said, alternate routes that cross above on the bluffs would also be a terrible waste of the very limited bluff habitat that is still intact.

### **Peoria Lakes Impacts**

With the tremendous public and political support for preservation and restoration of the Peoria Lakes any major watershed change, such as this, should be designed to have ZERO negative impact on sediment delivery to the river. I do not believe that realistic estimates of these costs have been taken into account.

### **Woodland bird impacts**

Studies have shown that there are serious and measurable impacts on both forest and grassland breeding bird populations up to a mile away from a four-lane road vs. a two-lane road. This of course would be even worse in areas where the new road is across existing farm or woodland.

### **What does need to be done...**

If the Chillicothe railroad viaduct were to be replaced with a modern, safe structure and a few passing lanes added in the north and central stretches 99% of the users would be satisfied. This could easily be accomplished in an environmentally friendly way and within a responsible amount of tax payer funding.

It is time for IDOT to make it clear to the community that this project is not feasible, both in terms of environmental impacts and fiscal responsibility. At the same time citizens need to help make it clear to our politicians that decisions on projects like this should be made based on the data and analysis of the professionals and not simply at their whim.

Thanks for your consideration on this important issue.

Rick Fox  
15215 N. Ivy Lake Road  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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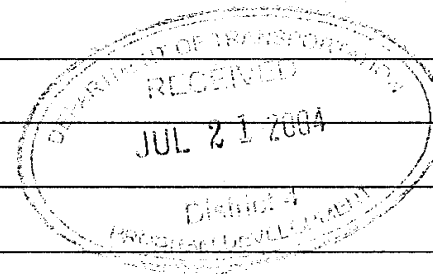
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I am very pleased to see the detailed plans and engineering which has been put into the development of the RT 29 Design Study. Your planners have taken great pains to examine environmental concerns, farmland and drainage issues, and impact upon the Chillicothe, Sparland, Henry, and Putnam communities.

There is a very strong need, not only in terms of transportation, but also for economic development, which is critical to the construction of this highway. Your plans look GREAT -- it is now time to obtain funding, begin land acquisition, and let contracts with the road construction companies. The Rt 29 Section should have been completed at the time of the Rt 6 Peoria By-pass to Chillicothe, to connect with Interstate 180.

I strongly advocate moving forward -- it will be in the long-term best interests of everyone concerned. The cost will continue to rise, and ultimately, this highway will need to be completed.

Thank you for your excellent design and planning efforts!



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Affiliation:

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Alternative 5-4 <sup>east</sup> lies just 700 feet <sup>east</sup> of Root Cemetery Nature Preserve. If the entire 19 acres of landlocked area were managed as a natural area, and if the roadside were planted with native flora, it is possible that the flora at Root would not be negatively impacted. However, noise would still affect the site. Many attractive species of birds nest there. People come who want to feel what the country was like a hundred years ago. It is peaceful and quiet, and, unless planting or harvesting is in progress, the surrounding farmland is not a reminder of the twenty-first century.

The road is totally unnecessary. There is no route near the present Route 29 that will not adversely affect the bluff and savannas. There is no way that ANY of the present alternatives for this route can be excused anything but landscape rape.

Two thoughts:

First, Macomb has been crying for a highway to Chicago. Why has a route that would intersect I-74 between Peoria and Galena not been considered?

Second, two interstate highways will not necessarily be an economic boon to a city. Please look at White River Junction, Vermont. I-91 provides a direct connection between New York City and Quebec; I-89 provides a direct connection between Boston and Montreal. White River Junction remains economically underdeveloped, if not downright depressed. Peoria should build the demand for a highway before asking us to build it.

Name: ANN FRYE

Affiliation: VSN Steward, Root Cemetery Nature Preserve

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Mr. Eric Therkildsen, P.E.  
Program Development Engineer  
Division of Highways/District 4  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
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July 19, 2004  
803 Boy Scout Road  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. Therkildsen:

**Route 29 South Section, Alternative S-4**

We have lived at 803 Boy Scout Road over 20 years enjoying the peace and quiet of country living.... specifically that is the reason we bought our house on Boy Scout Road. **The proposed Route 29 South Section, Alternative S-4 Freeway would destroy this way of living!**

**We are vehemently opposed to Alternative S-4 cutting across Boy Scout/Neil road blocking access to and from our home.**

**The constant traffic noise would be deafening, not to mention the dangerous exhaust fumes that would be emitted from vehicles.**

**Such a Freeway would significantly lower the value of our house, destroy our standard of living, and pose a health hazard to our fresh air.**

**Such a Freeway would destroy the habitats of the abundant wildlife we have come to love, not to mention the danger they would pose to themselves and to drivers by walking onto the Freeway.**

We read everyday about the State's fiscal crisis yet you are ready to spend \$500 Million on a project that is not needed. Ronald Reagan was right when he stated, "it seems a Bureaucrats first job is to protect the Bureaucracy". We already have a 4-lane highway (Route 29) running from Peoria to Chillicothe. If you want to spend the money wisely, widen Route 29 north of Chillicothe. That's needed! We don't need a 2-4-lane highway running parallel to each other only a couple miles apart. What is the logic in that?

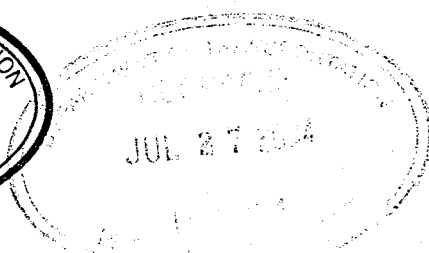
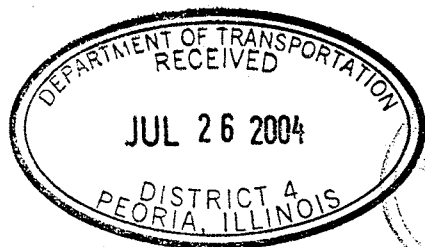
**In summary, we are opposed to the entire Route 29 proposal, but most definitely to the proposed freeway being built on our front doorstep!**

There has to be a better alternative than this.

Thank you, and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

*Allen and Janet Gass*  
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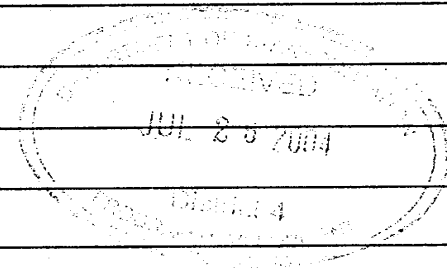
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We need a bridge over the river at Mossville, and the ring road to Morton. A highway can go from the ring road, go north of Matamoras to Rt 39.

If the Route 29 Corridor is used I would favor S-6B & C3, with interchanges north and south of Sparland.



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Affiliation:

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CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523

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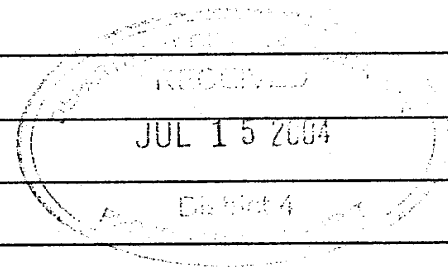
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I prefer any road that avoids the river. I would like to see Rt 6 be completed all the way to Heniper and IPO.

Do not want interchange at Spillman Rd - like alternate 56B Rome West Rd Interchange

Option - no preference on both/  
Central Chillicothe Interchange

I like Spauld Interchange #4. Really like Bluff Alignment Central Section (east or west)



Name: Janet Latham  
Affiliation:  
Address: 14737 Gardenland Dr  
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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July 22, 2004  
Eric Therkildsen  
IDOT  
Peoria, IL

Dear Mr. Therkildsen:

I attended the public meeting at Three Sisters Park on July 15, 2004 concerning the Illinois route 29 study. IDOT's exhibit was excellent and very informative. Thank you for giving the public the chance to see the plan with out the propaganda.

This letter represents the view of the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club. We are opposed to the route 29 upgrade for the following reasons: the probable negative impact on the nature preserves the highway will run adjacent to; the construction impact on soil erosion; the disruption of living quality to those with homes along the route; the cost to taxpayers, with what we believe to be very little benefit.

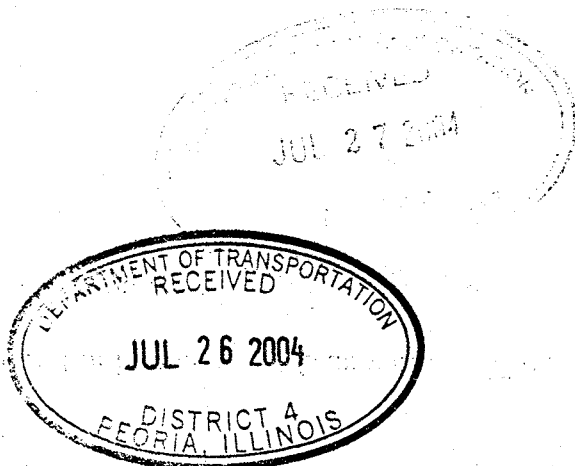
Given the many flip-flops Congressman LaHood has performed over the past 10 years concerning the "Peoria to Chicago highway" it wouldn't surprise anyone if he changes his mind once again and pulls the plug on this project....at considerable cost to the public.

Heart of Illinois Sierra Club votes "NO" on the Route 29 upgrade.

Thank you for considering our viewpoint.

*Ralph Ginn*

Ralph Ginn, Executive Committee , Heart of Illinois Sierra Club

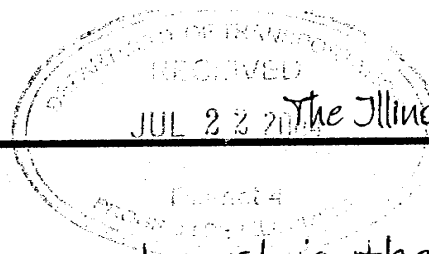


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At the 2003 "Public Meeting", we were shocked to see that the H4 route will pass through the middle of our property. The bad news became much worse at the 2004 "Public Meeting" where we talked to several politicians with no straight answers.

Our property is our dream horse farm that we built together in 1999. Every part of the property was built with the horses in mind. The locations of the house and barns, pastures and hay field were carefully designed. We considered every detail including the locations of water and electric lines connecting the house to the barns and even the locations of windows and doors between them. We need our hay field and pastures in order to support our horse business.

What was a shock changed to horror when we saw what is planned for our dream horse farm now. The highway would destroy both barns, all of our pastures and most of our best farmland.

The worst part is that our carefully planned house would remain and we would be forced to live less than 80 feet from a highway. Instead of our current view of mares with their foals outside our bedroom window, we would see, hear and smell a highway right next to our house. Our well would be so close it would be contaminated. The western remnant of our farm would be land-locked to us except for the access road on the other side of the colossal interchange. This would require us to go through town and the interchange about 4 to 5 miles to get to our hay field with

Name: tractors and equipment. This is the Affiliation: same as putting a canyon through, Address: the middle of our property. The eastern remnant of our dream property

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would be too small and low in elevation to rebuild what we would lose.

By planning the destruction of the heart of our dream horse farm in the process of creating a highway, you have caused our once valuable property to be already depreciated and have given us a hopeless, stressful future full of uncertainty and depression.

I am writing this even though my comments are disregarded (like last year) because I have no affiliation. The city council of Henry appears to have the only opinion that counts in this matter.

The people who will lose their homes to the highway are outside the city and don't even have a vote for the people on the council who decided their fate. Henry will lose year long customers by building a highway through their homes. They will also

lose property taxes that benefit Henry.

They are doing this in favor of customers that may buy gas once in their lifetime in Henry. By moving the highway  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 mile farther from town, it would add only 30 to 60 seconds to their drive into Henry. This would make no difference to the amount of business Henry would gain from people passing by on the interstate.

Seeing your home destroyed on a map is a lot to take in at once. Is it possible to see the map again or get some specific information about the width of the highway. We would appreciate the chance to talk to someone with

Name: Karen Greer

Affiliation: "SLOOCH" (Screwed landowners outside the City of Henry)

Address: 1357 County Road 1350 N.  
Henry, IL 61537

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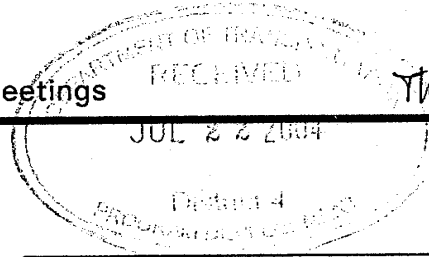
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the authority to give straight answers.

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Henry seemed to have a lot of "pull" on the decision to move the highway to its city limits. This is unfair as the city gets the gains, but the people who will lose (people just west of Henry) gain nothing & lose everything. Once people are on the new interstate, they will not be coming into Henry like the dreamers believe. Except for the week of the fair what does Henry offer that will pull the people off the interstate? Not Much! Why not move the interstate out about a mile where only ONE house will be affected? It would be much less disruptive to many lives & still give access to Henry. It might even allow businesses to grow out from Henry along Western Avenue. Henry has big dreams, but needs to wake up & face reality. Until a big attraction opens in Henry, this interstate will add nothing to the town, but will subtract much.

As an affected landowner, this will destroy the dream house my wife & I built. This project has just destroyed the value of my house & I will never be able to sell.

Your plan calls for leaving my house less than 100' from the interstate. How can anyone be expected to live like this, especially when we built in the country, partly for the peace and quiet. Your proposal calls for me to drive a tractor over 4 miles to get to the rest of it. Doesn't this seem a little crazy?

Name: Kevin Greer

Affiliation: unfortunate land owner

Address: 1357 CTY RD 1350 N  
Henry, IL 61537

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last note: before you destroy our farm, will you at least talk to

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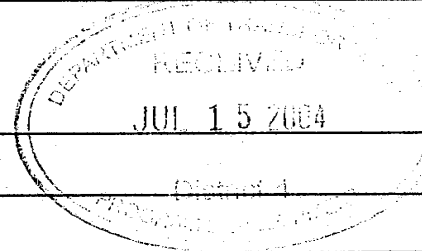


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I moved out in the County to get away from the noise. I believe that this road is not needed, we have a plenty of roads & most of them need a lot of work, so why build ~~more~~ more.

I think you should just widen ~~the~~ Route 29. instead of going down hard shoulder road & taking up more farm grounds. Which a lot of families make their living by.

I like the view & don't want to look at a road & listen to traffic noise



Name:

Allen Greenwald

Affiliation:

Address: 504 County Rd 850 E  
Sparkland Ill. 61565

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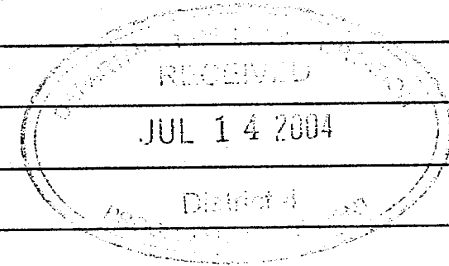
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When construction starts, do the area starting at 180 and work south to eliminate all the two lane passable!



Name:

Wally Hroom

Affiliation:

resident of Henry

Address:

813 Main, Henry, IL 61537

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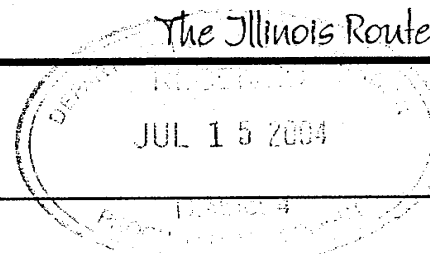
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BETWEEN CHILCOTHE & SPARSA  
USING THE EXISTING ROUTE #29  
CORRIDOR, HAS BUILDING  
ONE SET OF LANES ON TOP OF  
OVER THE OTHER (I.E. ELEVATED)  
BEEN CONSIDERED AS I'VE  
SEEN IN JAPAN? WOULD  
MINIMIZE EARTH WORK ON THE  
BLUFF!

Name:

HOWARD Q. GROTH

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To begin my comments, I continue to believe that the proposed expansion of Rt 29 is a complete waste of tax dollars. The negative impact this expansion will have on existing businesses, homes, farms, & wildlife greatly out numbers anything positive that I have yet to come up with.

I have come to the realization that it does not matter what the people want in regards to this expansion. It's all political, & if Hardard wants this road, it will be built.

This road affects our home. When attending the public hearing on 7-14-04, we were informed that the road goes through our home, and we will also lose our wetland, three wind breaks that we put in and our out buildings.

Due to this proposed impact, I would appreciate it, that a representative from IDOT make an appointment with us to come to our home to discuss and outline

exactly how much postage will be taken from us. It is also my understanding that because our wetland is being destroyed, the state must replace it. I would like details on this matter. The representatives we spoke with at the hearing were very cheap but more details are needed. As a home-owner who is being greatly affected by this expansion I deserve specifics. I would like a contract by IDOT in the next few months.

Name: Dawn J. Wagner

Affiliation: Homeowner

Address: 1273 County Rd 11504, Henry, IL 6153  
Ph 309-364-3796

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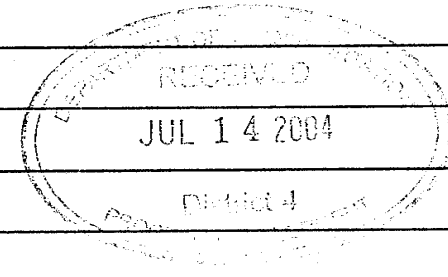


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540 million !!

What is the need for a 4-lane  
Highway from Morrisville to No Place

Money better spent on Hi Speed  
Rail System



Name: K. F. HAKENTOS

Affiliation:

Address: 15 Hunter Ct. PATAWIL IL 61568

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Wed. July 7, 2004

Dear Mr. Therkildsen:

We received the 29 Update, Illinois Rt. 29 Design Study on July 6, 2004, which does not allow a response within 10 days of the July 14, 2004 meeting at the Henry-Senachwine High School.

We plan on attending the July 14th meeting and hope that some of our concerns may be addressed.

We live in the Lake Thunderbird Community, which at present, has over 425 homes, half of which are part time. We rely on the Henry Fire and ambulance service for coverage on the south side of the development and the Tiskilwa Fire District services for the north side, as well as the Putnam County Sheriff Department.

What are the plans for access to Route 29 from the main entrance of Lake Thunderbird, which is Senachwine Valley Road ( Township Road ) located approximately two (2) miles north of the town of Putnam?

Name: Mary Lou & Kenneth Hakenjos

Affiliation: Lake Thunderbird Association

Address: 15 Hunter Court Putnam, Illinois

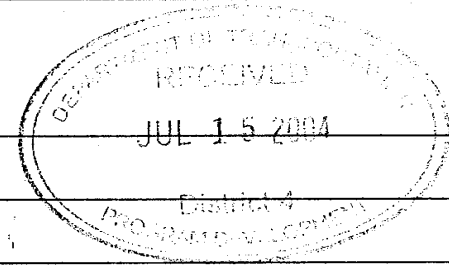
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Take the Ring Road  
+ Put a bridge across the  
Ill. River to join route 6.  
Don't use up good farm land.

SueAnn L. Hankins

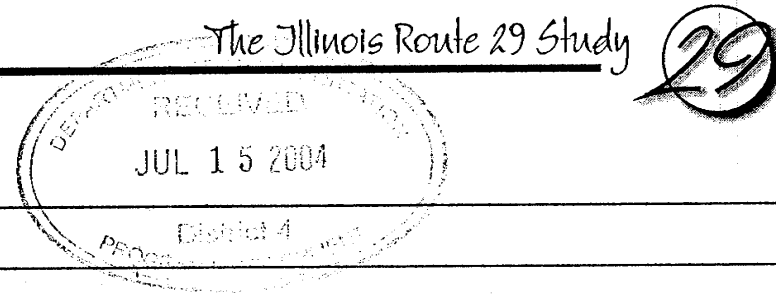
Name: SueAnn L. Hankins  
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I don't think we need another road. OR - if one is necessary - why not go across the river with Route 6 at Moxville & go up north on the other side of the river. Another option would be to go through the hills as was originally planned years ago, when they put the pipe line through the hills.



Name: Margaret Hannah  
Affiliation: Have farm land that was involved, as well as, my neighbors  
Address: Have farm land.

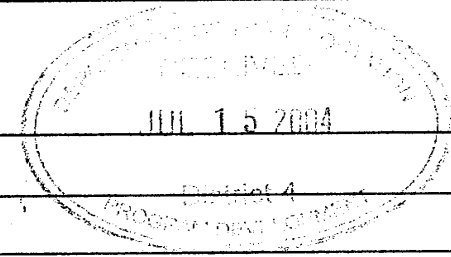
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Do not need this Road.

We need a bridge AT Mossville  
and complete the ring road.

Name:

John Hayes

Affiliation:

Address: 14917 N. Troy Lake Rd.  
Chillicothe IL 61523

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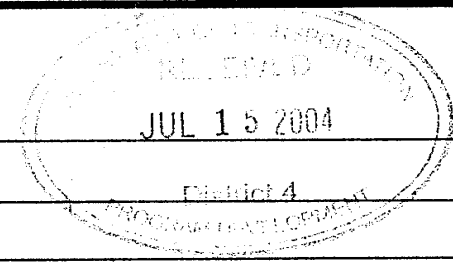
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Do not need the 29  
expansion - would prefer  
my tax money be spent  
on a ring road &  
bridge at Massville.  
Illinois needs to "get  
smart" on where it's  
transportation dollars go -  
Screw LaHood's nepotism!

Name: Mrs John Hayes  
Affiliation:  
Address: 14917 N. Ivy Lake Rd.  
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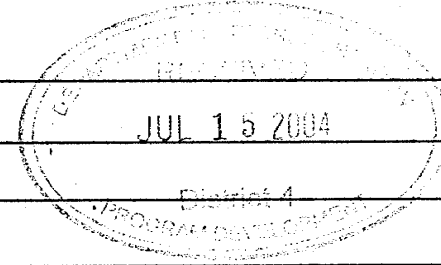
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First of all, the map in the brochure I received in the mail was incorrect. Rome West Rd is farther south compared to the proposed road and thus, is very misleading.

Second, I do not think this road is necessary. A 'ring road' would be more useful for more people.

If a road must be built, I prefer S-6C and ~~S-6B~~ would not like to see S-6B. This would have the least impact on my property in Galena Knolls subdivision.

Thanks,



Name: DANIEL E. HAYWARD

Affiliation: Homeowner

Address: 16207 N. REGENCY PK PL  
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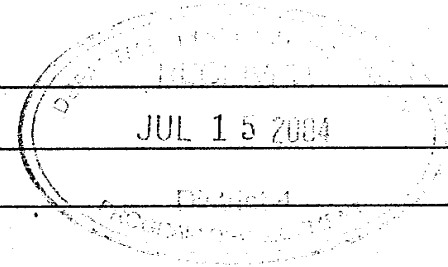
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My first thought is money should be spent on a bridge to cross the river at Rt 6. That would benefit the most people and be the best use of money.

I am I live in Chelona Knolls so I will be affected by the south section plan. I am not in favor of either plan - but would prefer S. 6 B if I had to make a decision.

There should be a second barrier built to protect our country tranquility. I certainly didn't move to the country to be so close to a highway!!



Name: Reg Hayward  
Affiliation: homeowner  
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I can not understand the need to totally mess up the beautiful landscape, cut thru miles of valuable farm land and spend Billions of dollars on a project that is so completely unnecessary. Just a few miles to the east is 39. The need for another road taking a person to the same place is totally redundant.

I moved to Chillicothe and am raising a family in Chillicothe because of its size and peacefulness. If I wanted to live by a busy highway, I would have moved to Peoria or somewhere where traffic is a problem. The whole charm of these small

river towns would be lost!!!  
We don't want to change!! That's why we all live here!

If you must spend so much money on a project, build a bridge across the river & connect us to the rest of the world that way.

I have not talked to one person in this town who wants this here. So away and leave us alone!

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Name: Patricia Hedden

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 1404 W. Elm  
Chillicothe, 61523

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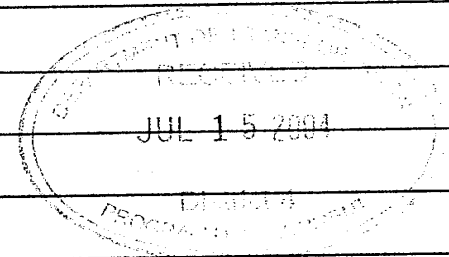
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✓ Build a bridge at Chillicothe or at the Rt 6 bypass  
across the lake. The shallow portion would be a  
beautiful "KEYS" like High Water mark portion that then  
rises over the channel. Problem Solved!

A eventual tie in to I39 may be possible.



Name:

Jim Hedden

Affiliation:

Homeowner

Address:

1404 W. ELM

CHILLICOTHE 615-23

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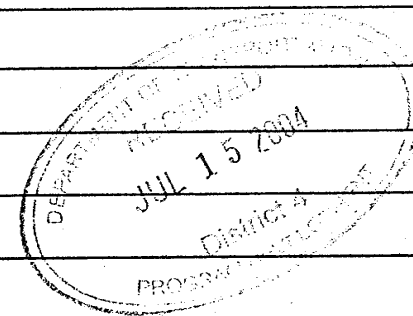
1) THANK YOU FOR ELIMINATING THE CAT LIGHT TO WAYNE RD. ALTERNATIVE IN THE SOUTH SECTION.

2) THE SOUTH SECTION ALTERNATIVE S6B IS FAR SUPERIOR TO THE ALTERNATIVE S6C. ALTERNATIVE S6C CUTS TOO CLOSE TO DEVELOPED AREAS.

3) THE MCGRATH EXIT ALTERNATIVE IS FAR SUPERIOR TO THE ROME WEST EXIT ALTERNATIVE. LESS DISRUPTION.

4) OVERALL, THE MONEY SPENT ON THIS ROAD COULD BE BETTER UTILIZED BY BUILDING A BRIDGE ACROSS THE ILL. RIVER + COMPLETING THE "RING ROAD" + TANGENT TO I-39 + I-55.

5) A "LATHOOD" HAS RECENTLY PURCHASED LAND FROM JAY JANSEN JUST NORTH OF ROME WEST ROAD - THE PROPOSED ROAD PASSES THROUGH LATHOOD'S PROPERTY.



Name: DAVID HIRTZ

Affiliation: WAYNE - HIDDEN VALLEY NEIGHBORS

Address: 3304 E. HIDDEN VALLEY LANE  
CHILICOTHE, IL 61523

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